given in the Statement. [*Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to Unstarred Question* 2031].

Opening of Tourism Management Training Institute in Bihar

†2037. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to open Tourism Management Training Institute in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

(c) At present, State of Bihar has an Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology at Patna. However, Tourism course is also being offered in some colleges of Magadh University and Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).

Development of Tourism Industry in Orissa

†2038. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any new proposal to develop tourism industry in Orissa;

(b) why Government have not taken any steps despite sufficient tourism facilities in State like Orissa;

(c) whether any fund has been released for protection of Konark temple; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Development of tourist/

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pilgrim places is primarily undertaking by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, however, provides financial assistance for Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits and Product Infrastructure and Destination Development Projects and Large Revenue Generating Projects identified in consultation and interaction with the State Governments/UTs.

(c) and (d) Sun Temple, Konark, is a centrally protected monument. The Archaeological Survey of India has sanctioned Rs. 25.00 lakh for taking up conservation, environment development and to rehabilitate the shopkeepers recently removed from eastern part of the temple complex. The work of conservation, restoration and maintenance of the Sun temple, Konark have been carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India under annual and special repair head to keep the World Heritage site in proper condition to attract tourists from all over the world.

Beautification of pilgrimage town of Ayodhya

2039. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to beautify the pilgrimage town of Ayodhya in U.P. (outside the disputed area) to attract domestic and international tourists; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the nature of beautification proposed, the funds allocated for the purpose and time required to complete the works?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Development of tourist/ pilgrim places is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, however, provides financial assistance for Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits and Product Infrastructure and Destination Development Projects and Large Revenue Generating Projects identified in consultation and interaction with them.

During the year 2003-04, financial assistance of Rs. 98.18 lakh has been sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, for development and beautification of Ram-ki-Paidi at Ayodhya. Depending